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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110 Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: In the Matter of a Request for Review By Advanced TelCom Inc. (Filer ID #817168), f/k/a Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. and Shared Communications Services (Filer Id #802188) of Decision of Universal Service Administrator CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is the original, signed declaration of Eric Russell, Vice President, Finance and Accounting of Advanced TelCom Inc. and Shared Communications Services ("the Companies"). This declaration is intended to replace the copy that was submitted with the Companies' filing on September 16, 2004.

Please date stamp the enclosed duplicate and return it to the courier. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (202) 955-9765.

Sincerely,

Brad E. Mutschelknaus

Erin R. Swansiger

Enclosures

c: Cathy Carpino, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, FCC

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DECLARATION

My full name is Eric Russell and I am over the age of eighteen years old. I am currently the Vice President, Finance and Accounting for Advanced TelCom, Inc. f/k/a Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. ("ATI") and Shared Communications Services, Inc. ("SCS"). ATI is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its office located at: 3723 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem, OR 97302. SCS is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, with its office located at: 3723 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem, OR 97302. I make this Declaration on behalf of ATI and SCS.

I provide this Declaration in compliance with the requirements of Section 1.16 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission"), 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. I have reviewed the Administrator's Decision on Contributor Appeal issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") to outside counsel for ATI and SCS (ATI and SCS will be referred to collectively hereinafter as "Reorganized ATG"), dated July 19, 2004. I have reviewed the foregoing Appeal of the Universal Service Administrative Company's Decision Denying Contributor Appeal ("Appeal"), prepared by Reorganized ATG and its counsel.
- 2. In preparation of this Appeal, Reorganized ATG, through its employees and attorneys, compiled information and documentation responsive to the requirements of Section 54.721 of the Commission's general filing rules governing requests for review of USAC decisions, and to the appeal requirements set forth in the *Administrator's Decision on Contributor Appeal*.
- 3. Furthermore, the documents and information submitted with this Appeal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-mentioned corporations have caused this instrument to be executed in their behalf, by Eric Russell, their Vice President, Finance and Accounting.

Advanced TelCom, Inc., f/k/a Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. and Shared Communications Services, Inc.

By:

Eric Russell